

LODI AREA GRAMMAR SCHOOLS, PART 2

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Most of the following schools became part of the Lodi Unified School District in 1967 and fed into Lodi High School the exceptions being Oak View and New Hope whose students went to Galt High School. These schools, and those in the last edition, were part of the schools educating the children of the rural families in the Lodi area.

Athearn School dates from 1855, with a Mr. Walker listed as teacher of the 14 students in attendance. In 1869, a one-room schoolhouse was built on the Prince Athearn Ranch near the future town of Clements. By 1879, a new two-story brick school was erected one-quarter mile from Clements on the state highway. This second Athearn School served until 1939, when it was replaced by a new \$15,000 Clements Union School.

The Justice School District started May 6, 1875, out of a portion of the Athearn School District. J. McDowell donated the land and a small frame structure, outhouses and a windmill



▲ ATHEARN SCHOOL, c.1918. The brick school lasted 60 years.

were erected on Mackville Road one mile south of Collier Road. After 1883, the school was moved to Collier Road, one-half mile west of Mackville Road. In 1938, Justice and Athearn School Districts merged to form the Clements Union School District that opened on Nov. 27, 1939.

The Grant School District was

formed in May of 1867, but it was two years later before Sylvanus Warren was hired to teach in the home of W. Barron. It would be 1870 before a one-room school was built south of Lockeford and just east of Jack Tone Road on Kettleman Road. Some people believe Grant School was named for the president and others say the school was called Grant in honor of a blacksmith of the same name who built the first desks for the school. In 1880, the original building was destroyed by fire. A new school was quickly built. The school closed in 1965, with some students going to

Harmony Grove and others bussed to Linden Elementary.

Brandt School was built in 1883 and was located on Brandt Road east of Clements Road on Mr. Brandt's property. It was a one room school that was suspended in 1922 and reopened shortly thereafter. It closed for good on July 3, 1932, and the dis-



▲ THE ATHEARN SCHOOL, about one-quarter mile east of Clements, c.1907. Persons: Leo Friedberger, Roy Russell, Beatrice Bryant, Stevens, Pearl Anglum, Danny Anglum, Ella Smith, Doris Moran, Florence Miller, May Steely, Luella Linn, Atheran Stevens, Adelbert Anderson, Annie Sullivan, Rita Clasen, Sidney Moran, Lester Raines, Velma Raines, Della Smith, Bernice Weber, Malarky Smith, Clements Brown, Joe Christy, Roy Steely, Lawrence Putnam, Oscar Swett, Charles Lee Bryant, Mamie A. Taft, Harry Fenton, Helen Clasen, Mamie Weber, Alta Fenton, Elsie Westfal, Berniece Bryant, Reba Staples, Ruth Chrisman, William Clasen, Lawrence Schmitt, Clinton Miller, Clarence Fenton, Marshall Arkins, Arthur Raines, George Fenton, Winford Linn, Bob White.

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trict was annexed to the Grant School District.

Brunswick School was located northwest of Lockeford. The first school started in 1866 combining parts of five districts. A second school was completed in 1871 at a cost of \$1200. Average attendance was around 22 students.

Lavella School was built in 1908, adjacent to the church in the Christian Colony on the northwest corner of Acampo and Bruella Roads (then known simply as County Road). It was a two-room wooden building with two more rooms added later.

On April 12, 1919, the voters in the Lavella and Brunswick School Districts agreed to a merger. The result was the Bruella Union School District. The district would use the Lavella buildings consisting of four

rooms and an auditorium. The School closed in December of 1975 thus transferring Kindergarten through third graders to Houston and the upper grades to Lockeford. When the Victor School was completed in 1977, students were transferred to Victor School and Bruella closed for good.

New Hope School was built in 1885, on Walnut Grove Road near the Sacramento County Line. In 1921 a \$12,000 bond was approved for 2- 4 rooms on North Sacramento Road and the old school was moved across the street and was often used to house a teacher or a principal. In July of 1925, the district attendance increased when students of Staten Island started attending New Hope School. In 1952, a \$174,000 bond provided for the construction of a new 10 room school with an office



▲ A view of inside the ATHEARN SCHOOL in Clements.

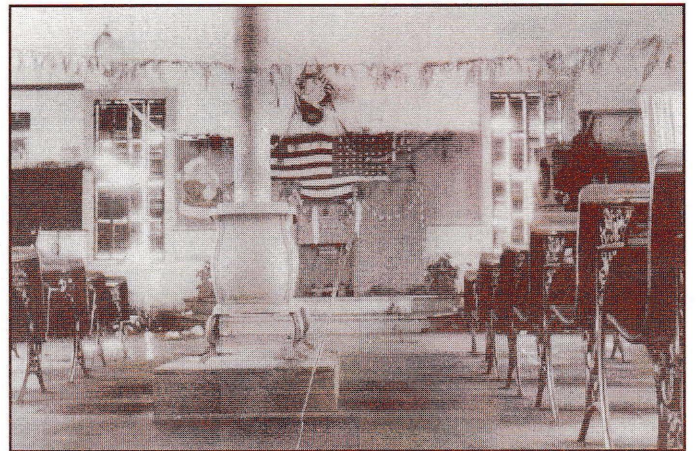
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and auditorium. New Hope School had 192 students in 1952.

Telegraph School District was formed May 8, 1861, in Elliott town-



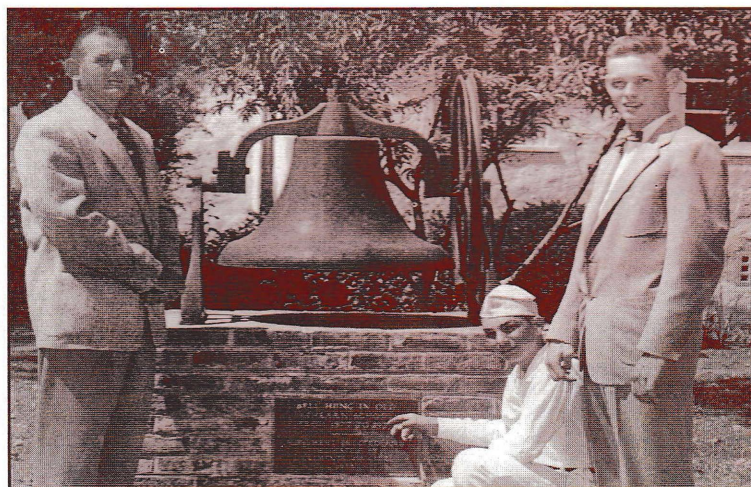
▲ JUSTICE SCHOOL on Mackville Road.



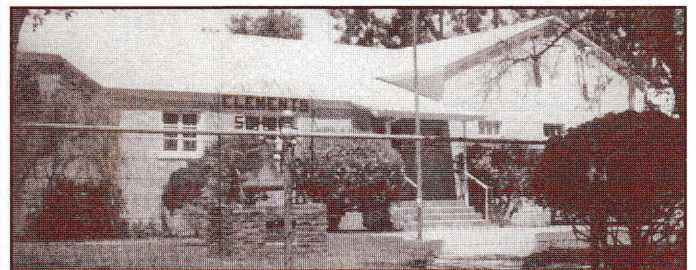
▲ JUSTICE SCHOOL, built in 1869 at Dogtown, circa 1900.



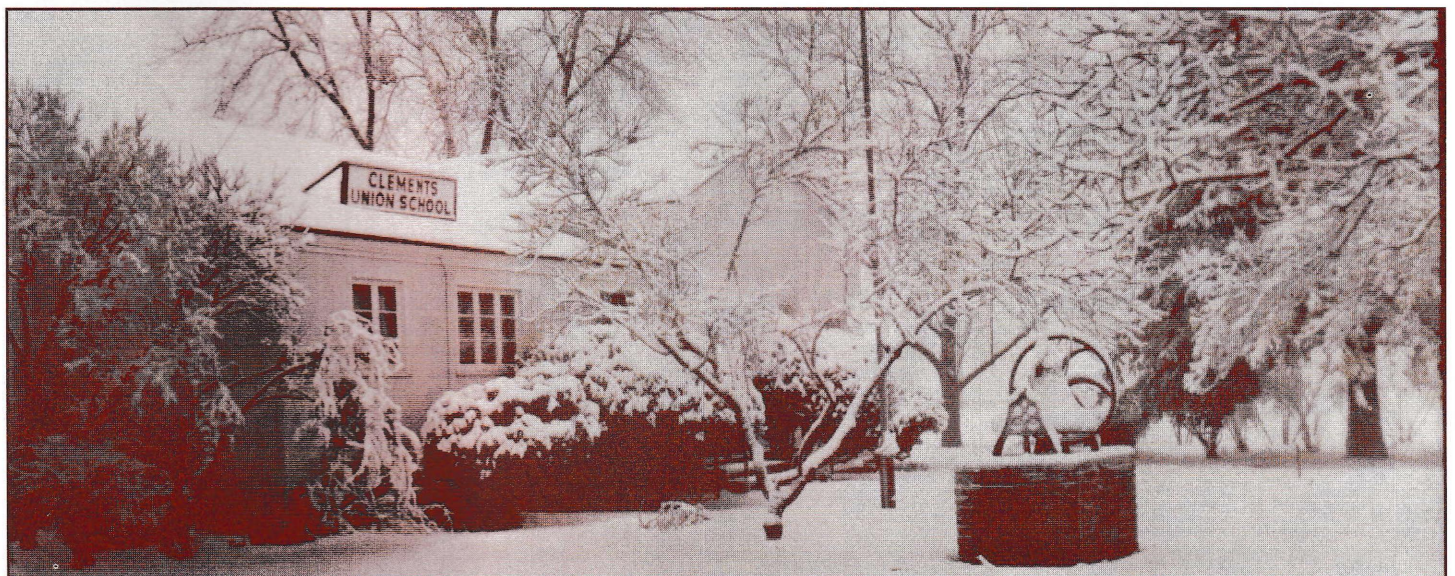
▲ JUSTICE SCHOOL, after 1883, located on Mackville Road, one mile south of Collier Road. In 1938 it was closed and the district merged with Clements.



▲ CLEMENTS SCHOOL, 1953. Roy Hieb, Ray Lucas and Ray Engel pose with the old Athearn School bell.



▲ CLEMENTS SCHOOL.



▲ CLEMENTS UNION SCHOOL, built in 1940, during a rare snowstorm in the 1960's.

Grant School, 1931.



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A snapshot in time; Grant, Br

Brunswick School

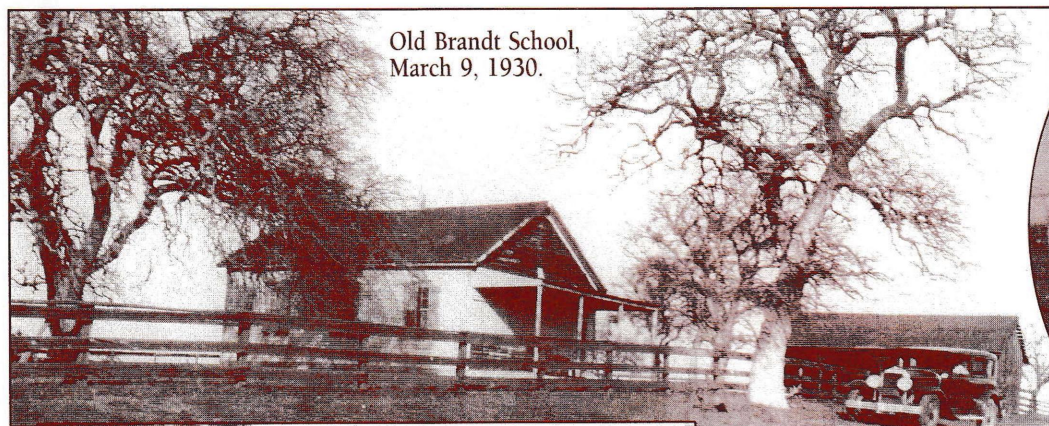
BRUNSWICK SCHOOL, on the southeast corner of Peltier and Tretheway. This building is still being used today.



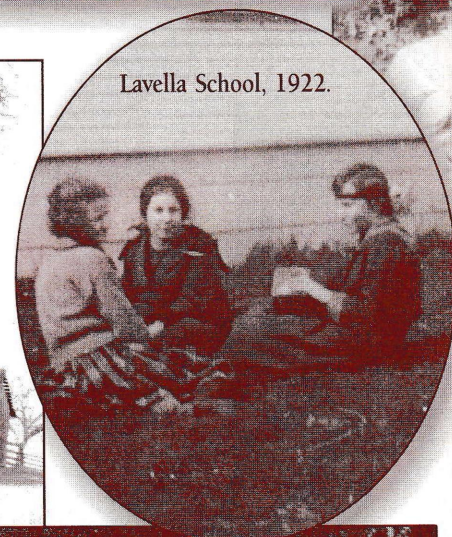
▲ GRANT SCHOOL, May 1943. Top row: Wes Brietenberger, George Linne, Philip Mohrmon, Emily Wakefield, teacher, Bob Dish. Second row: Peterson, unk., Peterson. Front row: Carol Brietenberger, Barbara Mohrmon, Betty Jane Peterson, Mary Ellen Myers, Dorothy Davis, and the daughter of the teacher.



Grant School, April 1946.



Old Brandt School, March 9, 1930.



Lavella School, 1922.



Brandt School, May 16, 1919.



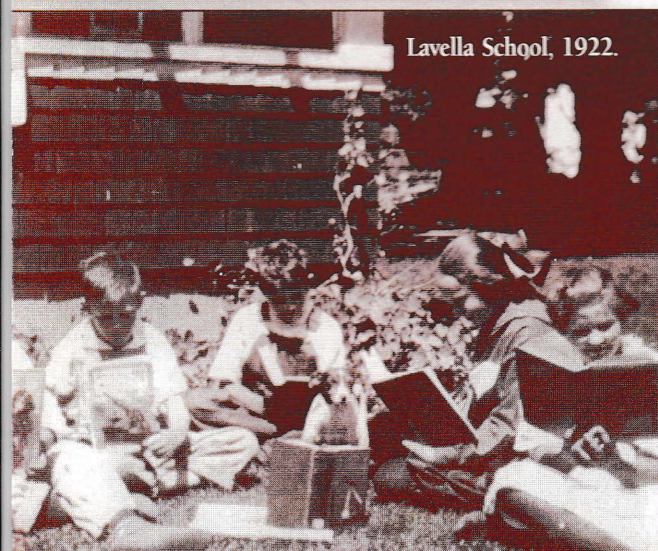
Brandt School, 1919.

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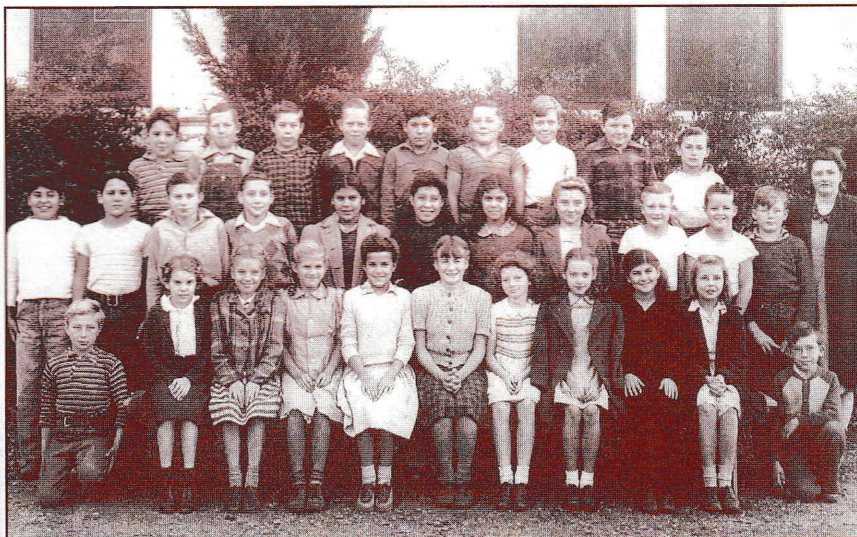
ndt, Brunswick, Lavella and Bruella Schools.



▲ BRUNSWICK SCHOOL, April 2, 1913, 1st thru 8th grades. Back row: Ben Creswell, Thelma Davis, Jessie Votaw, John Harrison, Leonard Hancock, Ansel Roberts, Vira Votaw, Lila Hancock. Front row: Elvin Votaw, W. Corell Smith, Etta Creswell, Norma Hancock, Ruth Votaw, Wesley Pasley, Viola Wardrobe, Jessie Creswell. Teacher: Ruth Paige. She had room and board across the road from the school with Mrs. Mary Smith.



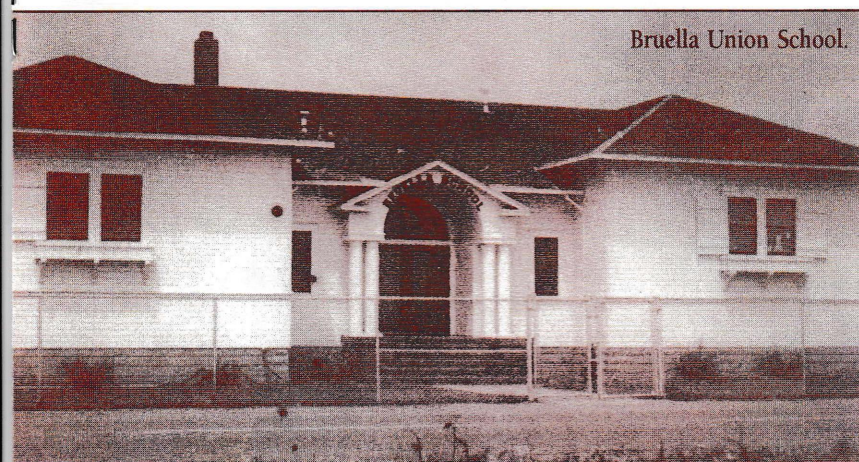
Lavella School, 1922.



▲ BRUELLA SCHOOL, 1947, 7th and 8th grades. First row: Esther Funamura Yniquez, Mrs. Erma Ruth (Gillette) Townsend. Second row: Mary Lori Meyers McQueen, Margie Birg Preszler, Clyde Culbertson, Beulah Kammerer Lewis, Helen Pritchard Danielson, Lucille Irwin Howarth, Leonard Geiszler. Third row: Bill Meyers, Rudy Blanco, Henry Geiszler, David Ballender, Tom Dajogo, Suzanne Swanson Burger, Mary Ann Schwarze Hudson.

Photo Courtesy of Beulah (Kammerer) Lewis

VELLA SCHOOL, 1922. The Free Library at the Christian Colony Old Church to Bruella School. Note the dog is also reading!



Bruella Union School.



▲ BRUELLA SCHOOL, 1937; Lunchtime in the back yard.

RUELLA UNION SCHOOL resulted from the merger of Lavella and Brunswick School Districts. It was located on the corner of Bruella and Acampo Roads and remained in continual use until the mid 1970's.

ship near Dry Creek. A one-room schoolhouse was built to house the 25 plus students in attendance. A \$2000 bond in 1907, built a new schoolhouse. On June 10, 1929, the Telegraph District annexed the Elliot School District and the name was changed to Oak View. In the same year a \$20,000 bond financed the building of a new four-room school. In 1946, two more classrooms were added to Oak View and in June 1961, two wings were added including a new office, cafeteria and classrooms. Oak View still functions at 7474 E. Collier Road.

Mokelumne School, located on Ray and Peltier Roads was built in 1859 and had 26 students six years later. This district took portions of New Hope and Turner Districts. In 1904 Mokelumne and Franklin Districts merged and by 1910 were known as Ray Union School District.

The Franklin School was in existence by 1862, and was located to the southeast of the Mokelumne School. Attendance dropped and in 1901, the school was destroyed by fire. In 1904 the Mokelumne and Franklin



▲ NEW HOPE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, Class of 1953, the first class to graduate from the newly constructed auditorium. Boy below mountain: Jim Lafferty. To the left of Jim: Dolores Sandoval, Judy Frey, Norman Garcia, Evelyn Huggins, Ray Lerma and Irene Rooker. To the right of Jim: Janice Bettencourt, Lawrence Daniels, Barbara Stancil, Ed Lopes, Martha Williams and Otis Huggins. Mr. Broom, teacher on stage on left side.



▲ NEW HOPE GRAMMAR SCHOOL, 1951-52, 7th Grade. Bottom row: Barbara Vetter, Kay Williams, Martha Williams, Irene Rooker, Patricia Glover, Barbara Stancil, Janice Bettencourt (circled). Middle row: Janice Williams, Diane Sartini, Julia Hiemachick, Judy Frey, Ray Lerma, Gilbert Madrigal, Otis Huggins, Lawrence Daniel. Top row: Jerry Rafferty, Robert Moreno, Jimmy Baker, Unk., Eddie Lopes, Norman Garcia, Jim Lafferty. New Hope Photos courtesy of Janice Roth (shown in inset)



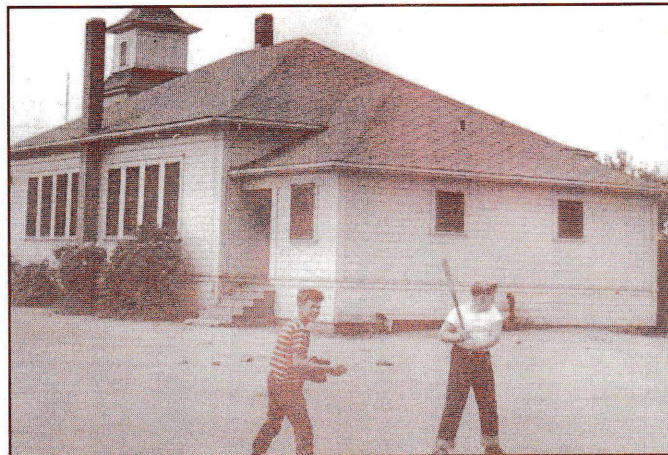
▲ THE TELEGRAPH SCHOOL DISTRICT was formed May 8, 1861 in Elliott Township, located near Dry Creek. On June 10, 1924 it was changed to the Oak View School District. Celia and Norman Adams on horse.



▲ ELLIOTT SCHOOL, 1907, located on the northeast corner of Elliott Road and Liberty Road.

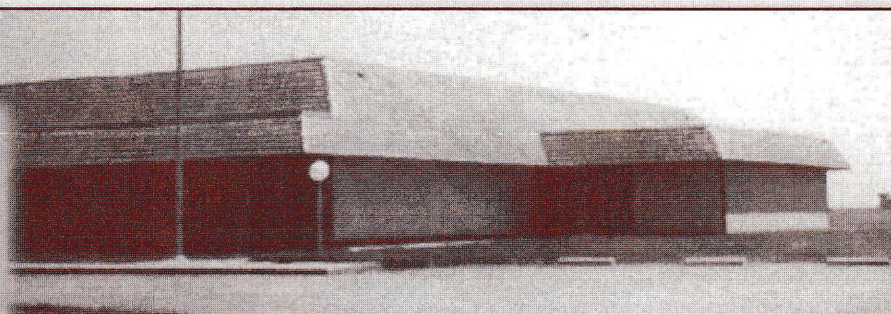


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▲ TOKAY COLONY SCHOOL, circa 1910, located on the northwest corner of Jack Tone and Live Oak Roads



▲ TOKAY COLONY SCHOOL, built in 1965.



▲ TURNER SCHOOL, 1916, located at Turner and Ray Roads. First row, first girl: Helen (Perrin) Maley; second girl: Louis Sovice; third girl: Beatrice Sovice. Third row, second person: Everett (Bud) Maley.



▲ TURNER SCHOOL; This was the second school, 1910 to 1960.



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▲ TURNER SCHOOL, 1921-1922. Back (top) row: Isamu Funamura, Clyde Johnson, James Lauchland, Teacher Miss Cozad, Bill Siemering, Winifred O'Neil, Minnie Siemering, Genevieve Posye, Hollis Johnson. Third row, standing: Dello Dellocinta, Lawrence Siemering, Walter Braghetta, Wesley Pope, Ruth James, Anne Belle James, Della Dellocinta, and Bernice Harshner. Second row, seated: Grace James, June Kern, Melba Cowden, Mary Gamboni, Dorothy Harshner, Louisa Serra, Lucile Maley, and Iolanda Serra. Bottom row, kneeling: Minora Funamura, Fred Lauchland, Osraldo Nepote, Mendes Nepote, Frank Cusumano, Hilard James and Nick Cusumano.